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Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am desired to forward herewith for the information of Government, circular letter No. 32 dated the 16th instant received from His Highness the Chancellor, Chamber of Princes, New Delhi, regarding the exemption of the personal luggage of the Ruling Chiefs from payment of Octroi duty.

Yours sincerely,

For perusal.

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No. 32.

Council House,
New Delhi,
16th November, 1936.

Your Highness,

As Your Highness may be aware, Municipalities in British India are at present legally entitled to levy octroi duty on the personal luggage accompanying the Ruling Princes and Chiefs on their visits to places in British India. Their luggage is thus liable to be opened and examined at octroi posts for purposes of assessment of octroi duty, much to the inconvenience of the members of our Order.

In January 1934, this question was taken up by the Standing Committee with the Political Department of the Government of India. After a good deal of correspondence on the subject the Political Secretary has now written to say that the personal luggage of the Ruling Princes and Chiefs is not subject to any octroi duty in the Provinces of Madras, Bengal and Assam and in the administrations of Coorg and Delhi, while with regard to other local Governments and administrations the response has been most satisfactory and from the replies received it would appear that most of them have already taken or will in the near future take necessary action with a view to bring about as far as possible the position envisaged in my letter of the 2nd/3rd of April, 1935. In that letter it was urged that the Municipalities should not detain and examine the personal luggage of a Prince or Chief on receipt of information of his visit, but should allow it to pass on to the place of his residence and that a declaration made by a Secretary or staff of the Prince concerned should be accepted for purposes

assessment of octroi duty.

In accordance with the decision of the Standing Committee, an expression of our gratitude for the action taken by the Government of India in removing the inconvenience has already been conveyed to the Political Secretary, with the request that the Governments of those Provinces which might not have yet taken steps in the direction of this reform might be asked to move in the matter expeditiously.

I write to send this letter to Your Highness for your personal information.

Yours sincerely,

UDAIBHAN SINGH,

Maharaj-Rana of Dholpur,
Chancellor, Chamber of Princes.